(c) In view of the Commonwealth Games, 2010, Delhi International Airport Private Limited would, *inter alia,* build a new integrated terminal for both domestic and international traffic, a new runway, a new domestic terminal and renovate the existing international terminal. With this the Indira Gandhi International Airport will be able to cater to 37 million passengers per year as against the projected demand of 29 million passengers per year for 2010.

Vehicle-tracking system at airports

1865. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether it is proposed to set up a vehicle-tracking system at the taxiways at Delhi, Hyderabad Airports;

if so, the details thereof;

whether such a system has been set up in other countries; and

if so, the details thereof with feed-back of their functioning?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi is in the process of installing Vehicle Tracking System on the operational vehicles which are required to go to airside *viz.* Follow ME Jeeps, Fire Vehicles, with Global Positioning System (GPS) based solution.

In addition to the above, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has installed Aircraft tracking system in form of ASMGCS (Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System). The system is operational at IGI Airport, Delhi. The system can also be used to track vehicles after installing suitable equipment in the vehicles. The ASMGCS system is being provided at the greenfield airports in Hyderabad and Bangalore. It is also planned to provide ASMGCS at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata Airports. The ASMGCS is being augmented at IGI Airport where a new third Runway is under construction.

(c) and (d) Similar systems are operational in other countries.

Air services from Surat Airport

1866. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

the number of scheduled flights being operated at Surat Airport, at present;

the future plan to increase number of flights and air connectivity from Surat Airport;

the major cities directly connected by air with Surat Airport;

how many cities will be linked by direct air connectivity with Surat Airport by the end of year 2008;and

by when the terminal building at Surat Airport, which is under construction would become operational for all purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) At present, Delhi and Ahmedabad are air linked with Surat Airport as per the details given below:

Air India	
Delhi-Surat-Deihi	4 flights/week
Kingfisher Airlines	
Ahmedabad-Surat-Ahmedabad	Dairy

Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

(e) Part Terminal Building has been put into operation from 6.5.2007. The Terminal Building Phase-I shall be fully operational from April, 2008.

Facilities for physically challenged passengers

†1867. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI RUDRAN ARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether there is any provision for additional facilities to the physically challenged air passengers at airports and in the aircrafts;

if so, the-details of such facilities;

whether these facilities are being provided to physically challenged passengers with some charge or they are provided free of cost; and

the agency responsible to ensure that facilities meant for the physically challenged air passengers are being provided to them or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and b) Yes, Sir. The facilities provided to the physically challenged air passengers, *inter-alia,* include ambulifts for embarkation, wheel chairs, special assistance for toilets, elevators, ramps in terminal and kerb side, parking slots in the car parking area etc.

These facilities are provided to the physically challenged passengers without any charge. However, Airports Authority of India charges for ambulift facility as per their prescribed rates.

Airlines, ground handling agencies and airport operators are responsible for providing these facilities.

Restructuring of ATC

1868. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Controller (ATC) services, which is the most earning unit of the Airports Authprity of India (AA1) may be hived off as a part of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.